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The Election.

A Change of Sentiment.

THE familiar words, "the smoke of battle" in many cases meaning nothing at all and in others a hard fight, can be earnestly applied to one issue, at least of the late campaign. It has cleared away. The question of equal suffrage is not new, having been agitated in a way for years, being the subject of ridicule, the butt of the practical joker, but never the object of serious consideration until recently. In years gone by it was designated as "Woman's rights," and all sorts of cartoons and characters represented by comedienes depicted the woman as wanting to don the apparel of her lord and master and go forth to conquer worlds at large.

"Wise men change their minds, fools never." This is not simply a quotation from some learned writer, it is a fact, men, wise men, who a few years ago were advocating that woman's place was in the home and should be conspicuous in no other place are today platform speakers, who have spent their time and energy trying to convince the masses that they were mistaken, and their influence has been felt and has counted for the cause. Once let us see our error and no one can think or speak with such enthusiasm—for we fear that the views we have held heretofore must have influenced some one and we hasten to repair the injury.

The men who have been fighting against this cause nearly always advanced this theory first. "The Woman's Place is the Home." It is threadbare and shiny. Ten times out of a dozen a man who makes this assertion is the man who is home only to his meals and a small portion of the night. He gets that tender feeling for home only for the sake of argument. The man was right. The home is the woman's sphere but in order to make a home that is suitable environment for the growing family it should be an intellectual home and the mother is the moderator. She can attend to her every duty there

and still keep informed on matters of state and village and be ready to cast her intelligent vote choosing the platform that appeals to her as being the right form of government that she and her children are to abide by. The song that never yet has been set to music is. The man's place is at home. He has his duties, it is true and is obliged to be at his business place a greater part of the time, but he can attend to every detail of business and provide for the family needs and still have leisure. Life is a great game and in order to win we must depend largely on our partner, and if we are victorious the credit is partly his, and in case of defeat we go down together.

The father and the mother are supposed to plan and work together. He has his duties and she hers; neither can be too well informed or understand too clearly the details of this government of ours, so when the time arrives to decide important questions both are ready with contributions of earnest thought and purpose to attain a result that they deem to be a benefit for their especial needs.

Women: Now we have the right of suffrage what will we do with it? It is none too early to begin to think and plan on what there is to be done. There are so many things that need, positively need the attention of the women of this land that it will be hard indeed to make a start. We will make mistakes for we are human, but let us determine that we will not make the same one twice. Begin to study and to think. Victor Hugo put it into the character of the old priest to say "There are so many mouths that speak and so few heads that think." Let us as men and women speak less and think more, and be thankful that we are free to act as our conscience dictates.

The New Governor

FOR the first time in twenty years Michigan has elected a democratic governor, Woodbridge N. Ferris of Big Rapids having received a plurality of 10,000 or more votes.

Mr. Ferris resembles to some extent the newly elected president of the nation. Both are educators of high repute and both may be termed novices in the political game, although Mr. Wilson has been honored by the people of his home state politically. Mr. Ferris, although at times he has been a candidate has never held public office. In local affairs he had the misfortune to live in a strong republican community and although nominated by his party for various offices was invariably beaten. Eight years ago he was the democratic candidate for governor but was defeated by Governor Warner. He has had, therefore, no experience in public affairs, and brings to the

office only the results of close study and observation.

Mr. Ferris, however, has the chance in the state that Mr. Wilson has in the nation. Both in a measure are on trial for their party. Although Michigan will have a republican legislature there is no question but that each member will be willing to co-operate heartily with Mr. Ferris to bring about any reform needed in the state.

WERE REMEMBERED
MOST EMPHATICALLY

Fern Tarbell and Bride Were Treated
to Noisy Demonstration by Paw
Paw Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Tarbell paid the penalty for being so presumptuous as to go through the marriage ceremony and to assume the responsibilities devolving upon people who promise to "love, honor and obey," last Thursday evening at their home.

Everything was serene early in the evening but all of a sudden all the tin pans and other inharmonious musical (?) instruments were brought into play for the entertainment of the inhabitants of that part of the village, and the just and the unjust were tortured until Fern appeared with cigars in hand to greet his friends. The young couple have many, many of them and this serenade was simply to assure them that they were not out of mind. It is safe to say that they were convinced.

SHOWS APPRECIATION.

Bloomington Mich., Nov. 11, 1912.
To The Voters:

Permit me to extend to you my most sincere thanks for your support and confidence as expressed at the recent election. I will serve you to the best of my ability and free from subservency to any clique, ring or special interest.

Faithfully yours,
C. A. Weidenfeller.

BABY MANNING.

The 13 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Manning, died at their home in Alcona last Thursday, November 7. The child had no disease but was very frail from its birth.

The funeral was held at the home Friday and the burial was in Prospect cemetery.

WILLIAM SAGE.

The funeral of William H. Sage was held at St. Mary's church, Thursday, November 7, 1912. The G. A. R. of this village attended the services at the church in a body, while the G. A. R. of Gobleville conducted the services at the grave.

Mr. Sage was born in Bradford, county Clare, Ireland, June 29, 1839. When he was 8 years old he came to America and landed in Montreal. More than six weeks were consumed in the journey and two months more elapsed before his father, who had preceded him to America, joined him and took him to the new home on the bank of the Erie canal in New York state.

He did not receive an extensive education; three winter of three months each was all the schooling the boy obtained. This was enough, however, to give him a love for books, and so by reading and study he obtained a comprehensive grasp of the opportunities in the country of his adoption.

In May, 1858, he was married to Sarah Gay at Lyons, N. Y., and came to Michigan, January 1, 1859. He settled on a farm near Gobleville and lived there until a few years ago, when he came to Paw Paw to reside. Nine children were born to this union, five of whom survive him, R. E. Sage of Waverly; W. V. Sage of Gobleville; Mrs. Conner of the same place; Mrs. A. J. Cleveland of Jansville, Wis., and Dr. E. D. Sage of Kalamazoo.

When the civil war broke out he enlisted with company E 1st Mich. Light Artillery, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865.

His first wife died February 6, 1890, and he was again married January 7, 1891, to Catherine Moore, who survives him. He was one of the pioneers of this county and was well known and respected.

MADE GOOD SHOWING.

Van Buren county certainly made a good showing at the big cattle show in Chicago. E. J. Kirby of Covert was one of the exhibitors and out of 11 head of his Dutch Belted dairy cattle, entered in competition with cattle from nearly every state in the union, he was awarded prizes to the amount of \$375.

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